greater cohesiveness and infuse fresh blood with a view to revamp and invigorate th- revenue collection drive.

(b) 107 officers 01 the rank of Collectors of Customs and Central Excise and Commissioners of Income Tax have b;en transferred during the last threa months. None has, however, been demoted during this period.

Setting up of Directorate 0f Economic Intelligence

62. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the scope and functions of fhe Dir- ectorat; of Economic Intelligence which is proposed to be set up under his Minis try?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): The proposal is presently unde, consideration of the Government. The scope and functions of the Directorate wii] be finalised soon.

Nationalisation of closed Textile Mills in Ahmedabad

63. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH; Will the Minister of SUPPLY AND TEX TILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the INTTJC and TIA to nationalise the closed textile mills in Ahmedabad ancTfo accept fffe proposal submitted by the Gujarat Government with regard to reopening of the 12 closed textile units;

(b) whether the above organisations have also suggested for the allotment of adequate funds by the Central Government to Gujarat Government, to reopen the mills and to pay the legal dues of fhe workers:

(c) if so, how much financial assistance has been given to Gujarat Government so far; and

(d) by when a final decision is likely to be takrn by Government in the matter'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY AND TEXTILES (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Government have as yet taken no decision in this regard.

Trade Agreement with The United States

64. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreements have recently been entered into with I he United States; end

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Review of Guidelines for th? Distribution dJ Steel

65. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS:
SHRI RAINI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 625 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1985 and state.

(;-,) whether the guidelines with regard to the distribution of steel have since been reviewed; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Guidelines with regard to the distribution of iron and steel are still under review.

Seizure of narcotics in Delhi

66. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the' Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and mature of narcotics seized in Delhi during the last two months;

(b) what is th; number of persons arreted in this connection: and

(c) what steps are being taken by Goverment to check this nefarious smuggling activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and *(b)* According to the reports received by th; Government, the particulars of narcotics seized and the number of persons arrested in Delhi during the months of May and June. 1985 are as under:—

Drug	No. of cases	Qty. seized (in Kgs.)	No. of persons arrested
Opium	3	8.400	2
Charas	4	514.775	2
Heroin	2	19.550	3

(c) A draft for comprehensive legislation on narcotic drugs and pschotropic substances *inter alia* providing for different punishment to check -muggling of such drugs and substances, is at advanced stage of finalisation for introduc-tion in Parliament.

The field formations remain vigilant to check smuggling including that of narcotics. Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in co-ordination with the concerned Central and State Government authorities. Close co-operation with the concerned international agencies is also maintained to curb smuggling of the drugs;

Rules and Regulations for Permitting Disinvestment of Equity by Foreign Investors

67. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the rules and regulations for permitting disinvestment of equity by a foreign investor other than NRI;

(hi whether these guidelines are available in any pned publication; if so, what is the name thereof; and

{(.) if not, what steps Government are takina to make it make it essily available to public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI-JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India being the statutory authority, considers proposals unci *it* th; provisions of FERA, 1973 fot disinvestment of equity shares neld by the foreign investors on merits. Specific guidelines in this regard have not been issued/published by Government.

Abolition of export duty on Pepper

68. SHRI M.M. JACOB; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the pepper growls regarding abolition of export duty on pepper; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to ensure remunerative price for the pepper growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pepper prices are continuing to be remunerative to the grow°TS. The situation is kept under constant review.

India's Exports

69. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister o'f COMMERCE be Pleased to state;

(a) what is the extent of rise in India's exports during the last six months; and

(b) what are the names °f the countries to which exports have shown a rising trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA), (a) According to the provisional trade statistics available from DGCI&S, the exports during OctobeT-March, 1984-85 were Rs. 6176. 88 crores, which were 23.7 per cent higher than the corresponding provisional figure of Rs. 4991.73 crores during the period October-March, 1983-84.